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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

**SUBJECT: Briefing by the Director of the CIA Subcommittee of
House Armed Services - 9 November 1967**

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1. The Director, accompanied by [REDACTED] met with the CIA Subcommittee of House Armed Services beginning at 9:30 a. m. and lasting until approximately 10:30 a. m. Present from the Subcommittee were:

L. Mendel Rivers, Chairman
Philip J. Philbin
Porter Hardy, Jr.
William H. Bates
William G. Bray
Leslie C. Arends

Present from the staff were:

John R. Blandford
Philip Kelleher

There was a technical sweep of the room prior to the briefing and monitoring during the hearing. No transcript was taken.

2. The Director covered the following topics utilizing the attached briefing notes:

- a. Moscow Parade
- b. FOBS
- c. The Soviet Navy

3. There were several follow-up items:

a. Mr. Blandford inquired whether or not there was an elevator on the new helicopter transporter. Mr. Helms said he would check into this and advise.

b. Mr. Bates asked some questions about the specific armament on the new class Soviet ship, the Kresta. Mr. Helms said he would be happy to supply specifications for the record.

c. Mr. Rivers inquired if we had seen any Soviet press comment regarding toasts by Rusk and Fulbright to the 50th anniversary of the Soviet revolution. Mr. Helms said he would check this and supply the necessary information.

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4. In addition to the prepared testimony, some questions were raised as to the performance of the over-horizon radar referred to by Secretary McNamara in his statement of last week. Mr. Helms very carefully pointed out that Agency experience with such equipment indicates that [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] There was considerable discussion, particularly by Mr. Bates, concerning allegations that the Soviets had made a mistake in going ahead with their ABM system around Moscow as well as other Soviet mistakes. Mr. Helms responded by indicating that in many ways the Soviets have produced excellent equipment from a technological standpoint and no doubt have made some mistakes as apparently the U. S. has from time to time. He stressed that one should not denigrate the potential enemy's capability but should always be on the alert for their successes.

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